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SUBJECT: OLYMPIC AIRWAYS PILOTS STRIKE: BOEING PILOTS CONTINUE
TO WORK

REF: ATHENS 2555

1. OLYMPIC AIRWAYS PILOTS ASSOCIATION HAS ANNOUNCED
EXTENSION OF STRIKE WHICH BEGAN MARCH 21 THROUGH
MIDNIGHT MARCH 28. DURING STRIKE THIRTEEN U.S. PILOTS,
UNDER CONTRACT BETWEEN BOEING AND OLYMPIC FOR TRAINING
ON BOEING 737S, HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK.

2. PILOTS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE VISITED EMBASSY
MARCH 23 TO PROTEST U.S. PILOTS ACTIONS. HE ALSO
LEFT COPIES OF CABLES WHICH U.S. AIRLINES PILOTS
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT HAS APPARENTLY SENT TO
SECRETARY VANCE, AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY AND BOEING
PRESIDENT PROTESTING ACTION OF BOEING PILOTS. GREEK
PILOTS ASSOCIATION HAS ALSO SENT CABLE TO BOEING IN
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SEATTLE THREATENING BOYCOTT OF BOEING UNLESS COMPANY
ORDERS ITS PILOTS TO STOP WORK.

3. OLYMPIC AIRWAYS OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 23
THAT U.S. PILOTS ARE FLYING UNDER SPECIFIC
AUTHORIZATION FROM BOEING COMPANY IN SEATTLE WHICH,
WHEN CONSULTED, SAID THAT PILOTS MAY FLY UNLESS THERE

IS A "TOTAL WORK STOPPAGE". (ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THE PILOTS ARE ON STRIKE).

4. LOCAL PRESS HAS PICKED UP THE ISSUE AND HAS REPORTED PILOTS ASSOCIATION PROTEST TO EMBASSY AND BOEING. STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT OF U.S. AIRLINES PILOTS ASSOCIATION (ALPA) CRITICAL OF BOEING PILOTS WAS ALSO PUBLISHED IN ONE NEWSPAPER MARCH 24. STATEMENT SAID ALPA PRESIDENT WAS ALSO SENDING PROTEST CABLE TO SECRETARY VANCE, AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY AND BOEING.

5. WHILE A FEW OLYMPIC FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, THE AIRLINE CLAIMS THAT THE STRIKE IS HAVING LITTLE EFFECT ON OPERATIONS. THE PRESS HAS NOT DEVOTED MUCH SPACE TO THE STRIKE AND THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE GENERAL PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR IT.

6. EMBASSY POLICY HAS BEEN ONE OF NON-INVOLVEMENT. WE HAVE INFORMED OLYMPIC AND THE GREEK PILOTS ASSOCIATION THAT WE CAN DO NOTHING FOR OR AGAINST EITHER PARTY AND HAVE NO CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER THE ACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PILOTS. NO BOEING MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS ARE IN ATHENS AT PRESENT FOR COMMENT. WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL REPORT ACCORDINGLY.
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